

October 28, 1994

To: Harold Weisberg
From: Raphaela Seroy
Re: Letter to Richard Gallen dated 10/13/94

Dear Harold:

When I first arrived at this office last winter, Richard was going through some personal difficulties of his own, and I truly believe he did not really want (or need!) to take on anything else. But I was desperate, financially and emotionally, and out of the depth and kindness of his heart, told me he might have some work I could do for him. He handed me your manuscript and instructed me to "retype it exactly": **THOSE WERE THE ONLY "ORDERS" I HAD FROM RICHARD!** (I remember sitting at the typewriter and thinking I must be in heaven; not only to have been given work, but to be typing something for Harold Weisberg)!

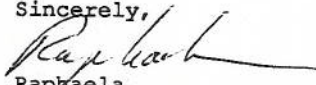
I began your manuscript on a typewriter (since I was totally computer ignorant). After Diana and Peter showed me how to use it, I was still very slow with the computer. The insertions were a bit confusing, and I tried to be careful to match your instructions with what I had already inserted into the computer to make sure of every single word. So some of the manuscript was hand-typed and some was in the computer. Then, a personal crisis came up and I had to go down to Florida.

While I was away, Richard used what I had typed, and working from that material, he edited out any possible libelous material, in order to get your book published and distributed, for you.!

I won't bore you with my personal problems, (one of which happens to be with another Harold, my own father, who is 93, terribly alone, and in need). However, I've just returned from Florida again, and again, must go back there. But today, having read the letter you sent to Richard dated 10/13/94, there is something I must make clear to you before I leave: **YOUR ANGER IS TERRIBLY MISPLACED!**

One time, I remember, I sent you one copy, and, much later, sent two copies together, which would make it three copies altogether of the work (incompleted) I had done so far. I think I've re-typed everything now, and the entire manuscript plus new insertions, etc. is on two discs. Today is Friday and the mail room is closed, but I will send you those discs next Tuesday when I come in to the office. Since computers are second nature to people now in school, surely someone closer to you can use these discs and finally clear up the mess I've made. I hope so.

Sincerely,


Raphaela